

## **FISCAL NOTE**

### **SB 2499 - HB 2587**

February 5, 2004

**SUMMARY OF BILL:** Requires all electronic voting machines used in Tennessee after July 1, 2005, to have a voter verification paper record and provide audit capacity as follows:

- Any electronic voting system shall produce a voter-verified paper record suitable for a manual audit equivalent. A voter shall be able to view and verify the correctness of such voter's printed ballot before it is deposited into a ballot box;
- Any electronic voting system shall produce a permanent paper record. The voting system shall provide the voter with an opportunity to correct any error made before the permanent record is preserved. The voter verified paper record shall be available as an official record and shall be the official record used for any recount;
- No voting system shall include any wireless communication device.

### **ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:**

**Increase Local Govt. Expenditures - \$24,300,000 to \$42,525,000 One-Time \***

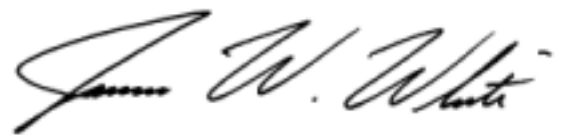
Estimate assumes that:

- all of Tennessee's approximately 2700 precincts would be required to purchase new voting equipment in order to comply with the provision of the bill. The cost to local governments for the purchase of these machines will depend upon which voting machines are purchased and the cost of each one.
- counties opting to use precinct-based optical scan machines would need to purchase 1.5 machines per precinct at a cost of approximately \$6,000 per machine (2700 precincts x 1.5 machines x \$6,000 each = \$24,300,000).
- counties opting to use DREs, (touch screen voting machines), would need to purchase an average of 3.5 machines per precinct at a cost of approximately \$4,500 per machine (2700 precincts x 3.5 machines x \$2700 each = \$42,525,000).

*\*Article II, Section 24 of the Tennessee Constitution provides that: no law of general application shall impose increased expenditure requirements on cities or counties unless the General Assembly shall provide that the state share in the cost.*

### **CERTIFICATION:**

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.



James W. White, Executive Director